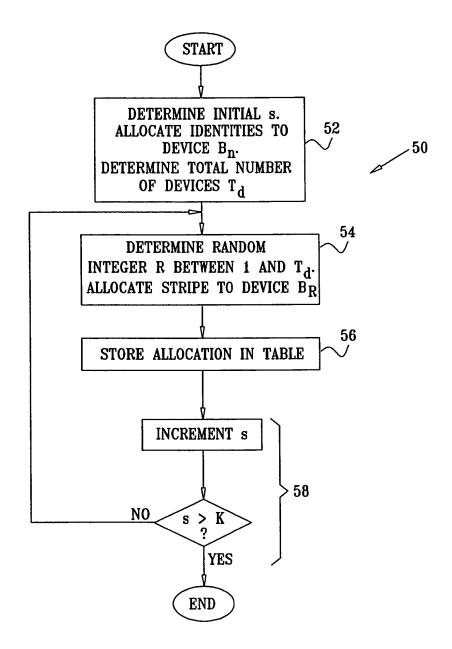
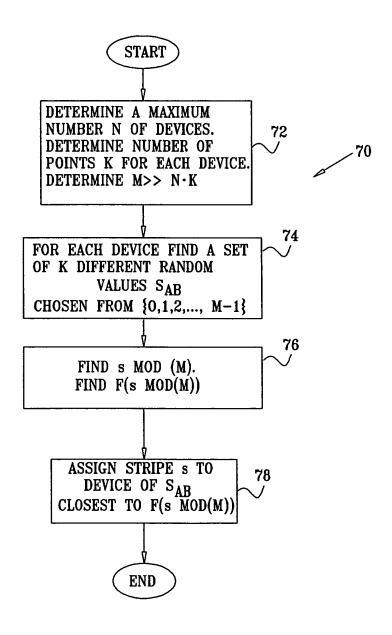
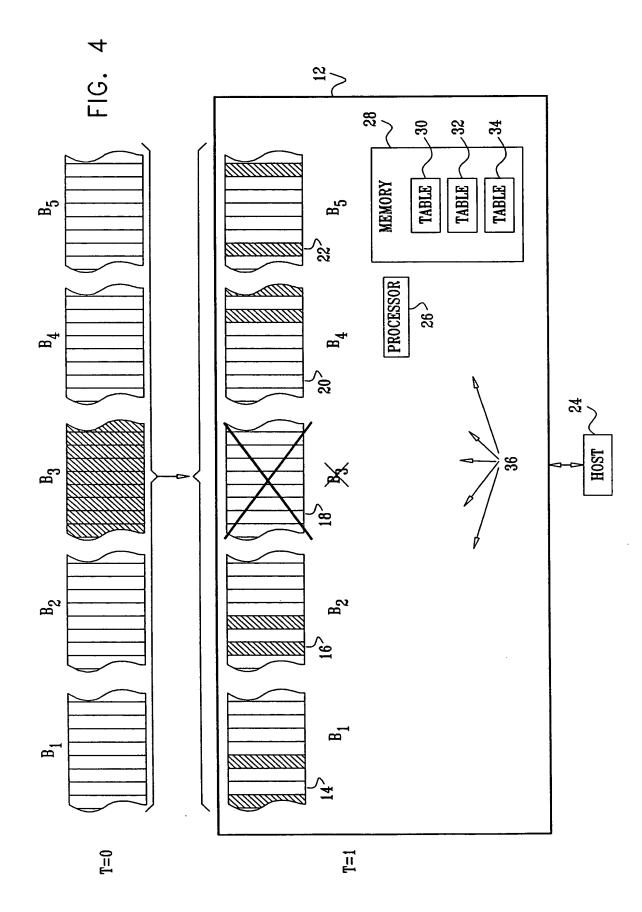


FIG. 2







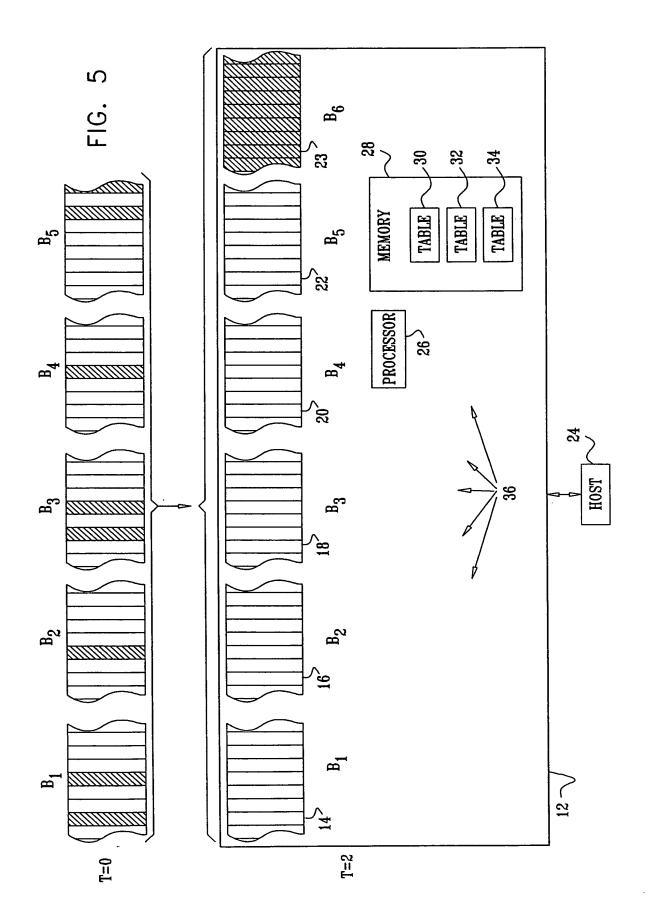
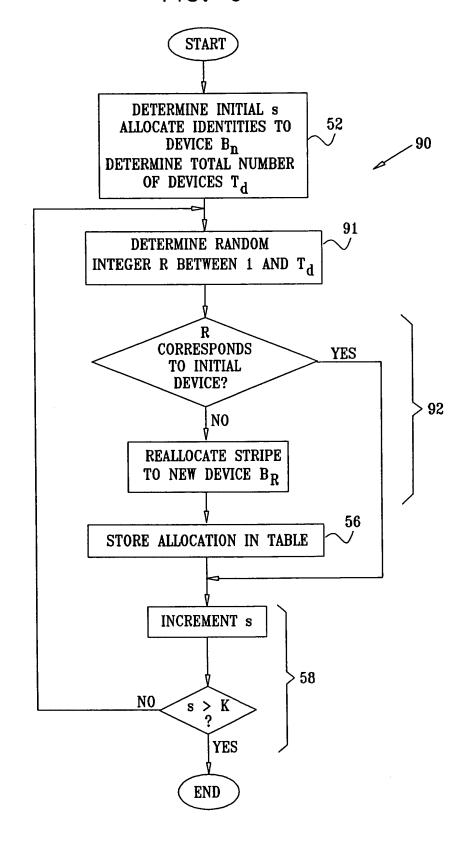


FIG. 6



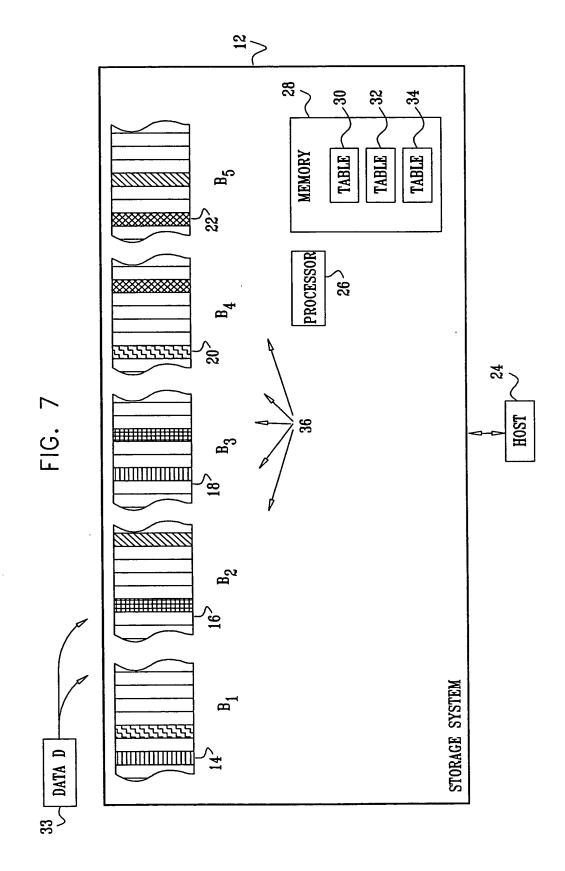
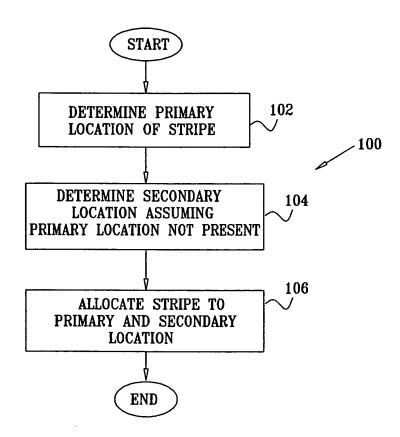
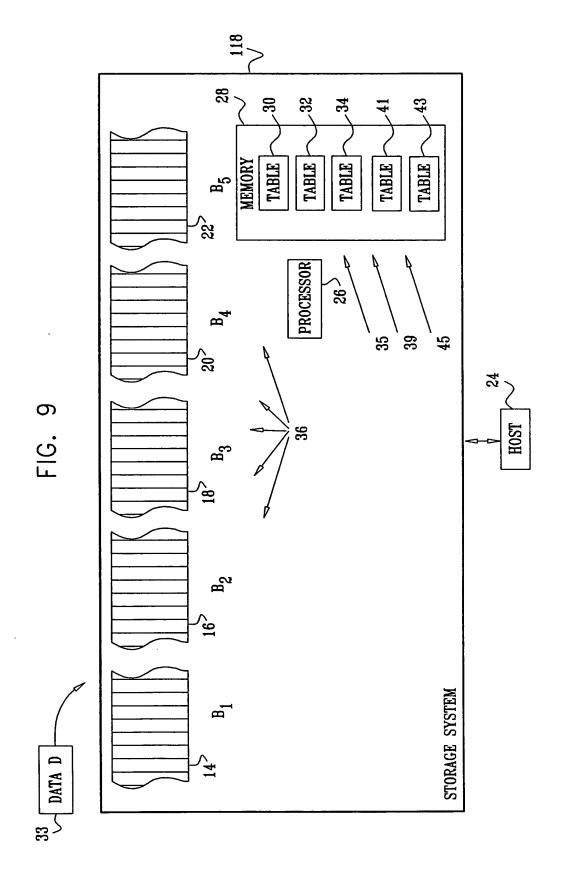
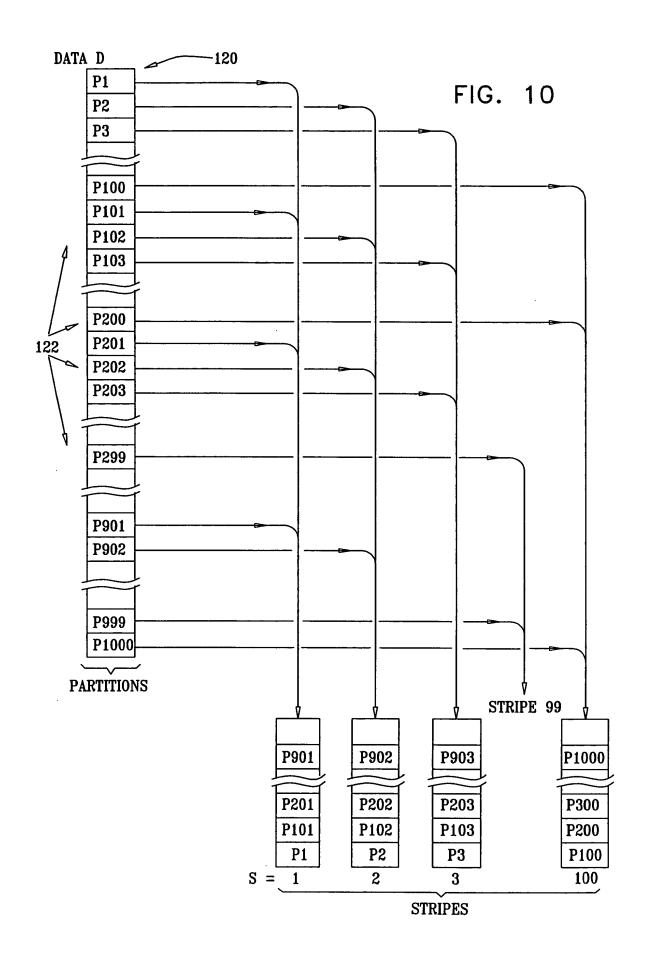


FIG. 8







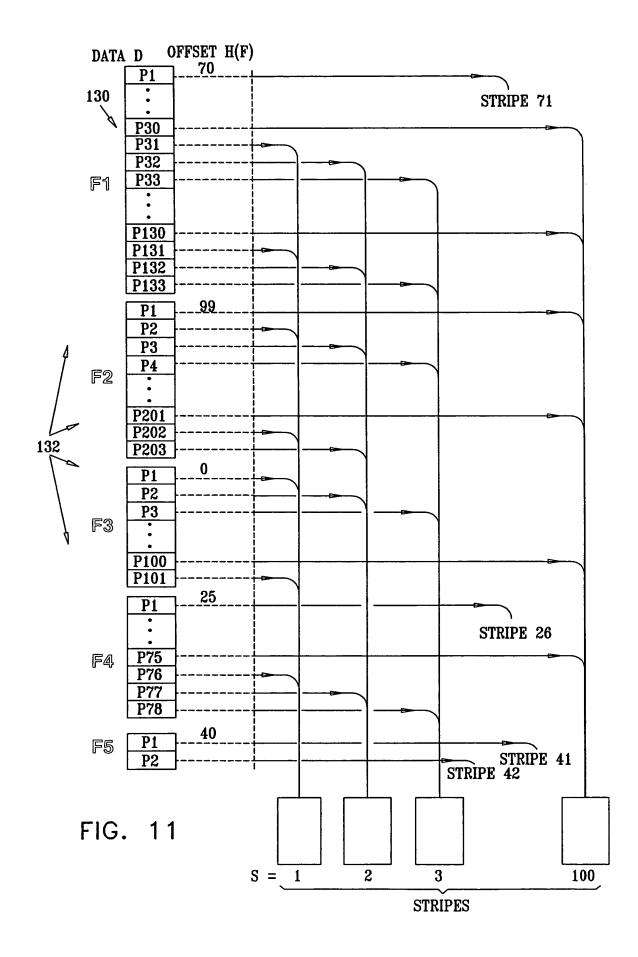
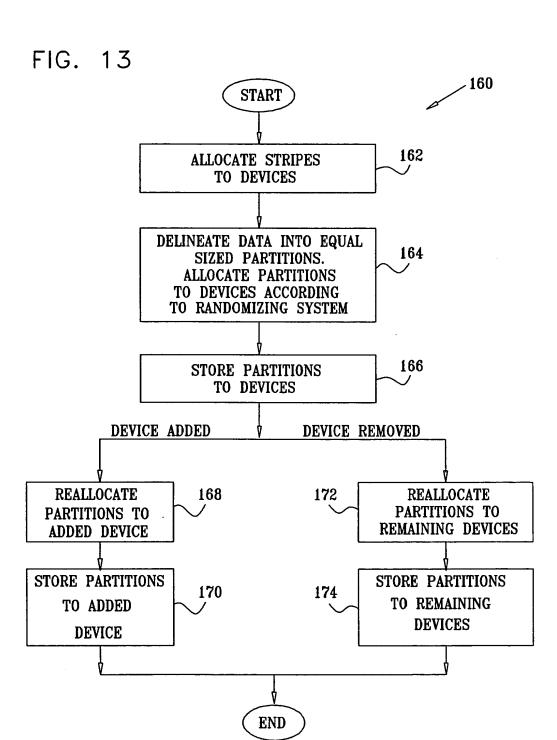


FIG. 12 _140 START 142 ALLOCATE STRIPES TO DEVICES DELINEATE DATA INTO EQUAL 144 SIZED PARTITIONS. **ALLOCATE PARTITIONS** TO STRIPES ACCORDING TO EQUATIONS STORE PARTITIONS TO 146 DEVICES ACCORDING TO **STRIPES** DEVICE ADDED DEVICE REMOVED REALLOCATE REALLOCATE 148 152 STRIPES TO ADDED STRIPES TO REMAINING **DEVICE DEVICES** STORE PARTITIONS STORE PARTITIONS 150 154 OF REALLOCATED OF REALLOCATED STRIPES TO ADDED STRIPES TO REMAINING **DEVICE DEVICES**

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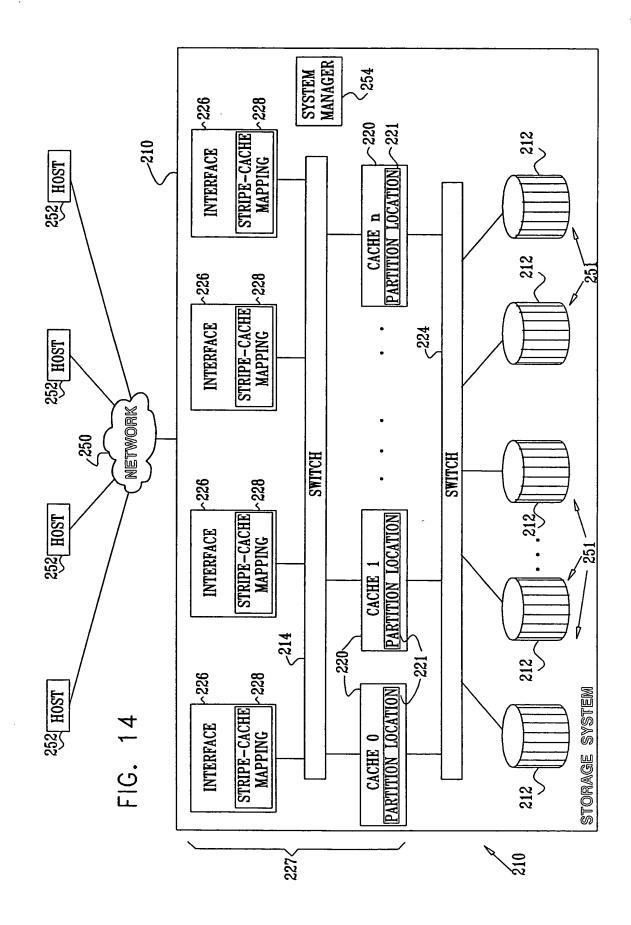


FIG. 15

